

In closing, I want to again congratulate the employees of the Lubrizol Corporation for their exemplary model of community activism and wish them continued success in future endeavors.

**HONORING THE EIGHTH AIR  
FORCE KNOWN AS THE MIGHTY  
8TH**

**HON. HEATHER WILSON**

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 9, 2001*

Mrs. WILSON. Mr. Speaker, I wish to bring to your attention the history and contributions of the Eighth Air Force which became known as the Mighty 8th.

The Eighth Air Force was formed and dispatched to England in 1942 to become the largest military unit in World War II, and the largest bomber force of all times. Over 350,000 airmen served in Europe. The Eighth Air Force has continued as an operational combat unit to this day with over one million serving the country in war and in peace.

No Mighty 8th mission was ever turned back due to enemy action during World War II. The cost was 26,000 killed in action, and over 28,000 prisoners of war. In the one week period of October 8–14, 1943, the Eighth Air Force lost 150 Heavy Bombers to enemy action in the skies of Europe, and despite heavy losses many feel that this was the turning point for daylight strategic bombing.

The Eighth Air Force Historical Society, the largest single military unit veteran group in history, continues to hold its annual reunions in the month of October.

Today I join with the Eighth Air Force Historical Society members to support their efforts to inform generations that followed them, of the contributions and sacrifice made by the "greatest generation" to perpetuate American's freedom and way of life.

Please join me in thanking the Mighty 8th for their service in the military and for their contributions to this great country.

God Bless America.

**PERSONAL EXPLANATION**

**HON. DAN BURTON**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 9, 2001*

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, on October 4 and October 5, 2001, due to a family commitment, I was unavailable for roll call votes Nos. 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, and 371. Had I been here, I would have voted "No", "No", "No", "Aye", "Aye", and "Aye".

**WELCOMING REVEREND SOLOMON**

**HON. EARL F. HILLIARD**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 9, 2001*

Mr. HILLIARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to welcome Reverend Solomon to these chambers and I am very appreciative of his leadership in

Birmingham, Alabama and his work on the National level with the National Baptist Convention. Many opportunities have been offered to this young man and many things are expected from him! These are difficult times, and young men like Rev. Solomon will make the difference. May God bless him and his family and may God bless America."

Reverend Solomon is the second of three sons born to Rev. Donald and Clarice Solomon. He was educated in the Jefferson County School System and is a 1984 graduate of Minor High School. He furthered his secular education by attending the University of West Alabama (Livingston, Alabama), Miles College and the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Pastor Solomon responded to the call of God and began his preaching ministry on January 13, 1991. He prepared for ministry by attending Birmingham Essonian Baptist Bible College and Andersonville Baptist Seminary.

In June of 1995, he again responded to the call of God and accepted the invitation to become the first pastor of the Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church of North Pratt. Pastor Solomon has equipped and organized the members of Mt. Moriah and led them into a sustained period of spiritual and financial growth. Pastor Solomon has had the opportunity to preach revivals and teach seminars in cities across the country to include: Louisville, Kentucky; Akron, Ohio; Canton, Ohio and Meridian, Mississippi.

Pastor Solomon is the vice president of the Pratt City Ministerial Alliance, a member of the board of directors of the Alabama Community Assistance Program, and a member of the board of directors of the Alabama Galleries of the Greats.

Pastor Solomon is married to the former Cheryl Lynn Fisher. They have one son (Walter, III) and one daughter (Christian). The University of Alabama-Birmingham employs Pastor Solomon as the Technical Supervisor for Inpatient Pharmacy.

**IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 203, THE  
NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS REGU-  
LATORY ACT OF 2001**

**HON. SILVESTRE REYES**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 9, 2001*

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 203, the National Small Business Regulatory Assistance Act of 2001. H.R. 203 establishes a pilot program at the Small Business Administration (SBA) to allow Small Business Development Centers (SBDCs) to provide regulatory compliance counseling to small businesses. Currently, SBDCs provide invaluable free business advice to entrepreneurs thinking about starting a new small business or to those struggling in their current business. The Small Business Development Center program is the largest management and technical assistance program for small businesses in the United States.

H.R. 203 would expand the role of SBDCs to include: (a) training and education in regulatory compliance, which would assist small business owners who are often unaware of or overwhelmed by federal regulations; (b) confidential, free-of-charge regulatory compliance counseling; and (c) technical assistance and

referral to experts for more complicated compliance issues.

In my district of El Paso, Texas, there is a SBDC located at the El Paso Community College. The Center promotes growth, expansion, innovation, increased productivity, and improvement of small businesses, as well as supporting entrepreneurs in the service area. The El Paso Community College SBDC is one of twelve service centers in the region serving El Paso and Hudspeth counties. They have been open for more than 17 years and have assisted more than 12,000 businesses over the years. Advisory services are provided at no cost to the client. As you can imagine, this is invaluable to those who are starting their first business and are looking for guidance. The economic impact of the services provided by the SBDC to the El Paso region is \$210 million. This additional funding for the added services available to businesses will be very helpful to the many businesses that utilize the SBDC and for the many businesses that will need the services of the SBDC in the future.

I strongly support this legislation and urge all of my colleagues to vote for this bill.

**THE DIETARY SUPPLEMENT IN-  
FORMATION ACT & THE EPHE-  
DRINE ALKALOID CONSUMER PRO-  
TECTION ACT**

**HON. SUSAN DAVIS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 9, 2001*

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing two bills that address an important public health issue: the safety of dietary supplements. Over the past few years, we have heard about many tragedies linked to dietary supplements. This summer, America witnessed the deaths of some fine athletes.

One supplement in particular, Ephedrine, has received a lot of scrutiny. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has collected more than 800 reports of Ephedrine users suffering adverse reactions, ranging from dizziness and dementia to stroke, heart attack, and sudden death. While these reports indicate that Ephedrine may be dangerous, the FDA does not have enough information to prove or disprove it is unsafe.

Current law is preventing the FDA from collecting additional adverse event reports. It also prevents the agency from asking supplement companies for copies of their safety studies. Without this information, the FDA cannot adequately research the risks and benefits of dietary supplements. This is simply unacceptable.

Congress has the authority and the obligation to protect American consumers. It is time for Congress to stop standing on the sidelines. We must take action.

We need to stand up for Tammy Cole, a 35-year-old San Diego resident who suffered panic attacks, chest pain, and insomnia after taking an ephedra supplement for one month.

We need to stand up for Sarah Ingham, a 24-year-old Manassas resident who suffered a stroke in the spring of 2000. She had been taking an ephedra supplement to lose weight for her wedding.

We need to stand up for Rosanna Porras, a 15-year-old Californian who died on a high school soccer field from a massive heart attack. Her parents believe that ephedrine pills